

Charles & Wil

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Mr. Coffin's Spelling Match.

THE OLD LADY PUTS HIM DOWN
WITH ONE OF HER SPELLS—
STRIKING EFFECTS.

The other evening old Mr. and Mrs. Coffin, who live on Brush street, sat in their cosy back parlor, he reading the paper and she knitting, and the family cat stretched out under the stove, and sighed and felt sorry for cats not so well fixed. It was a happy, contented household, and there was love in his heart as Mr. Coffin put down his newspaper and remarked:

"I see that the whole country is becoming excited about spelling schools."

"Well, it's good to know how to spell," replied the wife. "I didn't have the chance some girls had, but I pride myself that I can spell almost any word that comes along."

"I'll see about that," he laughed; "come, now, spell 'buggy'."

"Humph! that's nothing—b-u-g-g-y, buggy," she replied.

"Missed the first time—ha! ha!" he roared, slapping his leg.

"Not much—that was right."

"It was, eh? Well, I'd like to see anybody get two g's in buggy, I would."

"But it is spelled with two g's, and any schoolboy will tell you so," she persisted.

"Well, I know a darn sight better than that!" he exclaimed, striking the table with his fist.

"I don't care what you know?" she squeaked; "I know that there are two g's in buggy!"

"Do you mean to tell me that I've forgotten how to spell?" he asked.

"It looks that way."

"It does, eh? Well, I want you and all your relations to understand that I know more about spelling than the whole caboodle of you strung on a wire!"

"And I want you to understand, Jonathan Coffin, that you are an ignorant old blockhead, when you don't put two g's in the word buggy—yes, you are!"

"Don't talk that way to me!" he warned.

"And don't shake your fist at me!" she replied.

"Who's a-shaking his fist?"

"You were."

"That's a lie—an infernal lie!"

"Don't call me a liar, you old bazaar! I've put up with your meanness for forty years past, but don't call me a liar, and don't lay a hand on me!"

"Do you want a divorce?" he shouted, springing up; "you can go now, this minute!"

"Don't spit in my face—don't you dare do it or I'll make a dead man of you!" she warned.

"I haven't spit in your freckled old visage yet, but I may if you provoke me further!"

"Who's got a freckled face, you old turkey-buzzard?"

"That was a little too much. He made a motion as if he would strike, and she seized him by the neck tie. Then he reached out and grabbed her right ear and tried to lift her off her feet, but she twisted off on the neck tie until his tongue run out.

"Let go of me, you old fiend!" she screamed.

"Get down on yer knees and beg my pardon you old wild cat!" he replied.

They surged and swayed and struggled, and the peaceful cat was struck by the overturning table and had her back broken, while the clock fell down, and the pictures danced around.

The woman finally shut her husband's supply of air off and flopped him, and as she bumped his head up and down on the floor, and scattered his gray hairs she shouted:

"You want to get up another spelling school with me, don't you?"

He was seen limping around the yard yesterday, a stocking pinned around his throat, and she had court plaster on her nose, and one finger tied up. He wore the look of a martyr, while she had the bearing of a victor, and from this time out 'buggy' will be spelled with two g's in that house.

(Paris correspondence of N. Y. Tribune.)

Catching a Cannon Ball.

A very singular exhibition was given yesterday at the Jardin Maubelle. There has been performing here at the Folies Bergeres, a man named Holtum, an American, who has a cannon fired at him and catches the ball in his hands. This prodigious feat was witnessed nightly, and although the actors present avowed there was no trick, Pierre Veron, of the Monde Illustré, would not believe it. He said the cannon ball must be thrown to Holtum from the stage. The latter made a bet of 5,000 francs that he would perform the feat under certain conditions which left no room to doubt, and when the bet was taken Veron designated Maubelle as the place for the trial. All the journalists of Paris were invited, and they found Holtum there before his cannon. It was examined with minute care, and the heavy ball passed from hand to hand. "I am no longer in my own house," said Holtum; "you are the master here, and you must watch over all the arrangements." Having carefully aimed and lashed his cannon, it was charged, and Holtum took his place against a plank target some ten yards away. This was to show that the ball was solid, and force of the powder sufficient to send it through the plank. Holtum got the aim of his gun, and then placed

position against the plank, giving the command to fire. The ball just grazed the hair, and broke through the plank, rolling some twenty yards farther on. The same ball was picked up by the journalist, who again charged the cannon, and sent home the ball, and this time Holtum caught the ball in his hands as neatly as he does nightly on the stage. He won his bet, and no one seemed disposed to accept his offer of 3,000 to any one who would perform the same astounding feat. The physical force required must be enormous, but Holtum showed his strength by tossing up cannon balls as if they were so many oranges. The only precautions taken are very simple; he wears very thick leather gloves, and covers his breast with many thicknesses of thin paper to form a sort of cuirass. This looks to me like a very dangerous feat, and particularly the first part of it, where Holtum places his head against the target half an inch below where the ball will probably strike. If the powder should chance to be defective, some day there might be an accident. It is like the foolhardy trick of putting one's head into a lions mouth. One day I fancy that ball will snap his head very neatly off.

(Petersburg Daily News.)

The Brigand.

When we predicted, a few days since, that going to the cause of truth would probably result from the recriminations which Sherman's book would elicit, it was hardly with the expectation that such a result would happen so speedily. It seems, however, that stung by Sherman's unkind references to other generals, Fighting Joe Hooker has been betrayed into expressing his opinion of this pompous historian of his own deeds. His opinion, which coincides with that of thousands of people both in America and Europe, is, that "He (Sherman) made war like a Brigand, while many generals never forgot that they were making war upon their own countrymen."

He did however, leave a black streak in his rear, for which no doubt some of his countrymen justified him. I think, however, that it will, some time or other, be considered disgraceful by the great Christian world."

Even so. The whirligig of time brings its revenges.

"For time at last sets all things even."

At the south no one ever doubted that such men as Sherman, Grant, Butler and Sheridan were a disgrace to the name of American soldiers. Their brutal and inhuman warfare on defenceless women and children would have done discredit to a brigand chieftain. We say this without in any way intending to reflect upon the thousands of brave and gallant men, who for love of country and the cause they deemed right, followed nobly such Generals as Meade, Hancock, McClellan, McPherson and Thomas.

For those men we have only the admiration which heroic deeds and devotion to principle invariably elicit, an admiration which they themselves cannot fail to feel for the gallant heroes who followed our revered Lee and Jackson.

No truly brave man can commend acts of vandalism, and so as time passes and men's judgements, rather than passions, have full sway the christian world will consider as disgraceful the black streaks which Sherman left in his rear on his March to the Sea, and Sheridan left in the Valley of Virginia. The lone chimneys in Virginia and Georgia and South Carolina are but monuments of the infamous cruelty of men the accidents of war clothed with a power of which they were not worthy.

Brimley for Hard Times.

1. Hard work. Relief will come from hard, persistent, well directed labor. It is God's method for relief from mental or physical labor before bread is eaten or debts are paid. It is a singularly effective way of fighting hard times.

2. Economy in all things. This must be added to hard work, or, as the prophet saith, your wages will be "put into a bag with holes." Right now nothing will pay better than judicious economy. Watch your tables, your person—your expenditures every way. Don't be 'penny-wise and pound foolish.' Deny yourselves the gratification of every artificial want.

3. Natural wants are but few; artificial ones are legion, and the latter produce, mainly, the hard time such crises are now upon the whole country.

4. Discard the credit. Pay the cash for what you purchase, or let it alone. Laziness and want of economy have slain their thousands, but the credit system has slain its tens of thousands. Stop it, else the whole country will go to financial ruin.

The reader has, briefly, our remedies for the evils that afflict men's pockets so sadly. Will he take our three pills?

Profanity.

One cannot go on the streets anywhere without having his ears offended with the vilest words, and his reverence shocked by the most profane use of sacred names. Nor does it come from the old and middle-aged alone, for it is a fact, as alarming as true, that the younger portion of the community are most proficient in degrading language. Boys have an idea that it is smart to swear; that it makes them manly; but there never was a greater mistake in the world. Men, even those who swear themselves, are disgusted with profanity in a young man, because they know how, of all bad habits, this clings the more closely, and increases with years. It is the most insidious of habits, growing on so invisibly that almost before one is aware he becomes an accomplished curser.

"To swear is neither brave, polite nor wise."

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